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1. United States Patent 6,049,648, issued April 11, 2000.
2. United States Patent 6,195,487, issued February 27, 2001.
3. United States Patent 6,236,789, issued May 22, 2001.

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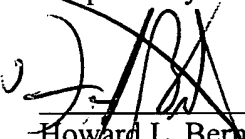
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